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QUANTIFYING THE QUALITY OF  
PLACEMENT CONFIGURATIONS IN A  
PARTITIONED REGION OF AN  
INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT LAYOUT

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 08/11/2005, please amend the patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.